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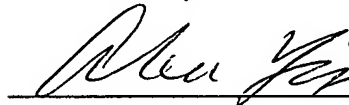
Title Method and Apparatus for Monitoring Telephonic Members and Providing  
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Before the "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" on page 1, **insert** the following paragraph: